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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I am a small business owner who has been a long-time customer with a local internet service provider, Sonic.net. I also signed on with them to provide internet service and phone for my home.

The service this local provider is key to my business's success by providing excellent service at a competitive price. They are transparent in their billing, work to provide net neutrality and do not collect or sell my personal information, all key factors in my decision to use them.

Like my own business, Sonic is successful by providing a good service at a good price, or in other words, a good value.

It is companies like this that foster competition in the market place and provide consumers with a choice.

I hope that Sonic and other independent service providers are allowed to continue providing choice in the marketplace, which in turn, is beneficial to all.

Regards,

Marty Peinkofer